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3643

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Attorney Docket Number

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| Filing Date          | 11/20/2003         |
| First Named Inventor | Michael J. Cameron |
| Examiner Name        | Rowan Kurt C.      |
| Art Unit             | 3643               |
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Total Claims  - 20\*\* =  5 X  9 =  45  
Independent Claims  - 3\*\* =  X  =   
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| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description  |
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| 1202         | 18       | 2202         | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 1201         | 86       | 2201         | 43       | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 1203         | 290      | 2203         | 145      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 1204         | 86       | 2204         | 43       | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 1205         | 18       | 2205         | 9        | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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Large Entity Small Entity

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| 1051     | 130      | 2051     | 65       | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 1052     | 50       | 2052     | 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 1053     | 130      | 1053     | 130      | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812     | 2,520    | 1812     | 2,520    | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |          |
| 1804     | 920*     | 1804     | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805     | 1,840*   | 1805     | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251     | 110      | 2251     | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252     | 420      | 2252     | 210      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253     | 950      | 2253     | 475      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254     | 1,480    | 2254     | 740      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255     | 2,010    | 2255     | 1,005    | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401     | 330      | 2401     | 165      | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402     | 330      | 2402     | 165      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403     | 290      | 2403     | 145      | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451     | 1,510    | 1451     | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452     | 110      | 2452     | 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453     | 1,330    | 2453     | 665      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
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| 1503     | 640      | 2503     | 320      | Plant issue fee  |          |
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| 8021     | 40       | 8021     | 40       | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
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| 1810     | 770      | 2810     | 385      | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))             |          |
| 1801     | 770      | 2801     | 385      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 1802     | 900      | 1802     | 900      | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |

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**PATENTS**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE: APPLICATION OF CAMERON ET AL.

S.N.: 10/718,413

GROUP ART UNIT: 3643

FILED: 11/20/2003

EXAMINER: K. ROWAN

FOR: TENSION MEASURED FISHING LINE  
BITE DETECTOR ALARM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PRIOR TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Pro Se applicant respectfully submits the following amendments prior to the first office action contained hereinbelow.

Independent base claim 1 is (Currently Amended), 20 new claims numbered 2-21 have been added, such numbering placing the new claims in proper order in relation to each claim. Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 are (Currently Amended) and re numbered 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 respectively, such numbering positioning the claims in proper order in relation to each claim. Claims 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 have been removed.

Pro Se Applicant has amended page 26 paragraph 10

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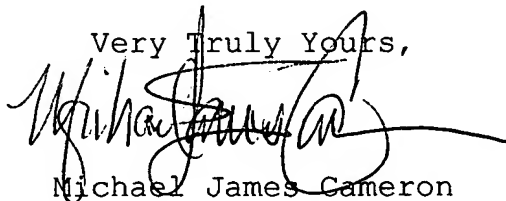
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starting on line 2, paragraph 20, and page 27 paragraph 5  
lines 4-5, paragraphs 10-15 and paragraph 20 of the  
specification.

Included in this preliminary amendment prior to first  
office action are 2 pages showing the amendments to the  
specification, and 21 pages of the new and amended claims.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael James Cameron", written over the printed name.

Michael James Cameron

First Named Inventor